

Times. This event is now described in mythic proportions in the local Polish community and throughout the state.

The reasons for Don's induction into the Michigan State Polka Music Hall of Fame, however, go beyond his legendary abilities as a restaurateur and promoter of Polish heritage. He also has a keen ear for the polka and is an expert polka music listener. Don also recently learned to play the stumpf fiddle and he performs at hospitals, nursing homes, and senior sites throughout the year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Don Krzysiak on achieving the Michigan Polka Music industry's highest honor and for his many contributions in safeguarding all aspects of Polish heritage for generations to come. I am confident that Don will continue to warm Polish hearts and satisfy the appetites of people of all backgrounds well into the future.

IN HONOR OF CHESTER J. NOWAK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Chester J. Nowak, United States Army Sergeant, on his years of dedicated military service to our great nation.

Mr. Nowak was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio and is currently residing in Rocky River. He served selflessly for our country in the Korean War, and was in battle in Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Ardennes, known as the Bulge. He served in Company L, the 194th Glider Infantry Regiment with the 17th Airborne Division.

His love and true devotion to America is an inspiration to all. He received the Combat Infantry Badge and also the Glider Badge. He was awarded a Purple Heart after he was wounded in Belgium and was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in ground operations against the enemy.

Originally, the Republic of Korea offered medals to those veterans that served in Korea between June 25, 1950, the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, to July 27, 1953, the date the armistice was signed. In addition, veterans are eligible if they served on the soil of Korea, in waters adjacent, or in the air above Korea. These medals are a symbol of American freedom, patriotism, democracy, and sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring a man that has sacrificed for his nation and has served our country in many capacities, Sergeant Chester J. Nowak. Mr. Nowak is an inspiration to all, and our great country is thankful for his services.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING TONY GWYNN
ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM BASEBALL

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2001

Mr. WALSH. Madam Speaker, I also rise in support of House Resolution 198 sponsored by Representative SUSAN DAVIS honoring Tony Gwynn for his numerous achievements to baseball and his community.

Tony Gwynn has a career batting average of .338 placing him 15th on the all-time leaders list. This amazing feat puts him in company with great Hall of Fame players like Ty Cobb, Rogers Hornsby and Tris Speaker. In fact, he is second, only to Ted Williams amongst players in the Major League after the Second World War. Gwynn's consistent hitting rewarded him with eight Silver Bats for the eight batting titles he has won. Four of these titles came consecutively in the years of 1994-1997.

Gwynn is a 16-time all-star with 3,127 career hits and is seventeenth on the all-time list behind such greats as Hank Aaron and Stan Musial. Gwynn achieved the 3,000 hit milestone faster than all but two players: Ty Cobb and Nap Lajoie. Gwynn's success has not been limited to offense. His incredible defense has earned him five Golden Glove awards in his career.

Gwynn is among the all-time San Diego Padres careers leaders. He is first in batting average, hits, runs batted in and runs. Throughout his career Gwynn's sportsmanship has placed him on a highly respectable list of players that consistently conduct themselves with great dignity. By staying with the Padres, Gwynn has given his fans a consistent and stable hero.

Gwynn, though, is a hero off the field as well. Despite his reluctance to speak on his numerous community service activities, they continue to emerge as amazing acts of selflessness. Gwynn is the first to help out with local baseball clinics for youngsters. He is the principal force behind the Padres' scholarship program. Gwynn's foundation actively serves the needs of physically and sexually-abused children. Tony and his wife, Alicia, also routinely open their home to troubled youth and have paid for numerous funerals for victims of gang violence. Madam Speaker, I believe Tony Gwynn is fully deserving of the honor of this resolution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, had I been present on Tuesday, October 2, 2001, the record would reflect that I would have voted:

On Roll 360, HR 169, On Motion to Suspend the Rule and Pass, as Amended, the

Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act, Yea.

On Roll 361, HJ Res 42, On Motion to Suspend the Rule and Pass, as Amended, the measure Memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the American flag to half-staff in honor of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland, Yea.

On Roll 362, HR 2904, On Motion To Instruct Conferees, Yea.

I was unable to return to Congress on October 2 due to pressing matters in my district.

**RABBI ISRAEL ZOBERMAN'S
THOUGHTS ON THE SEPTEMBER
11TH TRAGEDIES**

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, people of all faiths and backgrounds all across the nation are still struggling to comprehend the senseless loss of life and destruction of landmarks that occurred on American soil on September 11th. Rabbi Israel Zoberman of the Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, a congregation that draws people from all over the Tidewater area, has sent to me his thoughts on these attacks. Though Rabbi Zoberman has lived and preached in the United States for many years now, he grew up in Israel, and is all too accustomed to living with terrorism as a part of his daily routine. His eloquence might help us all to make sense of these tragedies, and I commend his article to my colleagues' attention.

So much pain, so many tears, God too is weeping for and with America. We are bowed down by heavy losses knowing that a new, unfamiliar burden has been placed upon us with a new kind of evil in a world gone mad. Yet, in our crushing and humbling sorrow we have touched our most tender humanness, reaching higher national oneness.

We knew of the possibility of a large-scale terrorist attack in the United States, but it is a hard reality to absorb. An empire's icons of pride and security, seemingly so well grounded, were toppled and penetrated, changing our outer and inner landscape. Surely the apocalyptic images of doomsday born of diabolic design will be etched in the collective American memory, of a day the world held its breath and a heartbeat was forever lost. There is an insidious insecurity creeping in with such a shock that only time will ease.

The terrifying cloud of dust and ashes with dazed relatives looking for loved ones had a Holocaust resonance to it, and the devastation's wide scope bore a World War Two signature. Terrorism's essence is to disrupt a normal way of life, assailing us physically, psychologically and spiritually. Their target was our very pluralism and inclusiveness by a merciless enemy threatened by our freedoms and global reach, feeling inadequate and powerless in face of the West's superior technology and incomparable standard of living. The great tragedy befalling us ought to bring appreciation for Israel, America's true ally, in its long struggle against Arab and Muslim fundamentalism, acutely suffering during the past year.

The free world with America's irreplaceable leadership has now gained the

undeterred and deterring resolve to uproot the multi-head monster of international terrorism, not without sacrifice. It should have acted more decisively before but that so sadly and costly is a recurrent theme. A trying time like this has the potential for false patriotism with varied and dangerous extremism, profiling and stereotyping certain religious and ethnic affiliations. Fundamentalism of whatever ilk is irreconcilable with the pluralistic tapestry of the grand American model. The urgency of faith, family and fellowship for support and healing has been highlighted. We reject a culture of death with its terrorists-martyrs' messengers whether in the United States or in the Middle East, as we uphold the sanctity of each human life, reaffirming our democratic values and ideals. However, the need for interfaith and cultural dialogue is more vital than ever.

We are grateful for the many heroic rescuers who died while rushing to help and those who tirelessly search for survivors—they all reflect the true divine presence of inexhaustible goodness, encountering inexhaustible human evil. We take pride in our military with its shining presence in Hampton Roads, poised to defeat civilization's adversaries. An uncertain era has begun even as the American dream, albeit bruised but ever more essential for humanity's survival, lives on. Will a new world order sans terrorism finally emerge out of disorder?

ROLL OUT THE BARREL FOR BOB TENBUSCH

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bob Tenbusch for his induction into the Michigan State Polka Music Hall of Fame. Michigan is a state whose citizens are proud of their multi-cultural ancestry and who delight in celebrating that diversity with others. The Polish community is one of the proudest in Michigan, bringing with it a passion for good food, good spirits, fellowship, dancing and the traditional foot-stomping, lively music of Poland known as the polka.

When Bob played his first polka tune, he joined a rich musical heritage that traces its origins to European classical music and folk music that later combined to form a uniquely American style during the Depression Era in the United States. Contemporary polka is a melting pot of musical influence from the vast array of immigrants that came to the United States and is representative of the diverse cultural backgrounds of our nation.

Bob's musical career began when he blew his first few notes on the trumpet for his high school band. It didn't take long for the polka to lure Bob on stage with "Big Daddy" Marshall Lackowski. By 1954, Bob struck up his own band, which he called the Melody Makers and who later changed their name to the Michigan Cavaliers. The group was a local favorite in Michigan's Thumb region for many years. In 1974, Bob formed the Golden Stars and eight years later he joined his sons in the Tenbusch Brothers.

In addition to his reputation as a musician, Bob earned kudos for his work on fund-raisers

to benefit burn and accident victims and people who lost homes or barns to fire. After 30 years of playing and promoting polka music, Bob has retired from the stage, but he remains an active polka fan and is a member of the Great Lakes Polka Association.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Bob Tenbusch on achieving the Michigan Polka Music industry's highest honor. He has truly used the power of the polka to touch hearts and coax even the most reluctant toe-tappers to embrace the liveliness and vibrancy of the polka. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing gratitude for Bob's generous and spirited trumpet playing and in wishing him many more happy years of musical comradery.

IN MEMORY OF C. DONALD BRADY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great citizen, C. Donald Brady.

Born in Connellsville, Pennsylvania, Mr. Brady was a truly selfless individual. In his spare time he enjoyed canoeing and fly-fishing, but it was his time that he dedicated to others that stands out.

Mr. Brady passed away recently but left in his path a long established pattern of giving. After graduating from high school he gave to his country by joining the Navy and serving four years. Next he gave to his community, serving as a teacher after attending California (Pa.) State Teachers College and West Virginia University. Even after earning a bachelor's degree in education and a masters in education from these universities respectively, he continued to increase his knowledge by studying bacteriology at Indiana (Pa.) State Teachers College. He taught for six years at Firelands High School and then joined the faculty at North Olmsted High School in 1965. Upon retiring as a biology teacher in 1987 he continued his model of giving by rediscovering his youthful joy of playing the clarinet and becoming active in Dixieland music associations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the memory of C. Donald Brady.

174TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY 2001 REUNION

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 174th Assault Helicopter Company (AHC), Dolphins & Sharks (both pilots and enlisted crew members) who played such an important role during their service in Vietnam and Laos during 1966–1971. They will be gathering once again for their reunion in Fort Walton Beach, Florida on October 5, 6, and 7 of 2001.

The contribution of the 174th AHC to the American war effort is significant and they

should be recognized for their valor. The personnel of the 174th AHC were an elite group formed at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1965. The 174th was deployed to Vietnam by U.S. Navy ships in 1966, landing at the Vietnamese port at the City of Qui Nhon. The unit's three primary "homes" in Vietnam were Lane Army Heliport near Qui Nhon (1966; II-Corps), Duc Pho in Quang Ngai Province (1967–1970; I-Corps), and Chu Lai, base camp for the Americal Division (1971; also I-Corps). The 174th flew various models of the UH-1 "Huey" helicopter. The unit served long and proud in Vietnam and saw much combat action in the rice paddies and mountains in the northern half of South Vietnam from 1966 until 1971, and in Laos during Operation Lam Son 719 in 1971.

Representative of the sacrifices of this great country is the proud and gallant record of combat service of the 174th AHC. Members of this company engaged the enemy and these engagements have taken their toll. Sixty members of this special corps of Dolphins and Sharks died gallantly for the cause of freedom. They shall not be forgotten. The 174th AHC has on countless occasions proven its high spirit and "can do" attitude as is so appropriately emblazoned on the Company crest—"Nothing Impossible."

The proud legacy of the 174th remains. They proved that the preservation of freedom required heroic sacrifice. They proved that their loyalty to American ideals and their desire for peace was their first priority. When our country needed them, they answered the call, and served proudly. It is this same spirit of sacrifice and duty that has made this nation great.

As the members of the 174th Assault Helicopter Company gather for their 2001 reunion, I wish to extend a heartfelt "thank you" for their actions in Vietnam and Laos. During this dangerous and uncertain time, we are reminded that in every generation, the world has produced enemies of freedom. The evidence of this fact is clear today after the recent attack on America. The resolve and commitment of those who have fought for freedom throughout our history continues to be the calling of our time.

The proud legacy of the 174th Assault Helicopter Company is the inspiration for today's America and those who will be called to serve. We can never repay them except by promising each other to never forget. God bless the men of the 174th AHC and their families. I hope that their reunion is a success and I wish them well in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO THOMAS E. HOBBS, M.D.

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, September 23, 2001, the City of Baltimore, the State of Maryland, and our nation's health care community lost a valiant pioneer. Dr. Thomas Hobbs was a physician by training, but he made an indelible mark as a health care and human rights activist.